How You Can Buy AT&T, T-Mobile, and Sprint Real-Time Location Data on the Black Market

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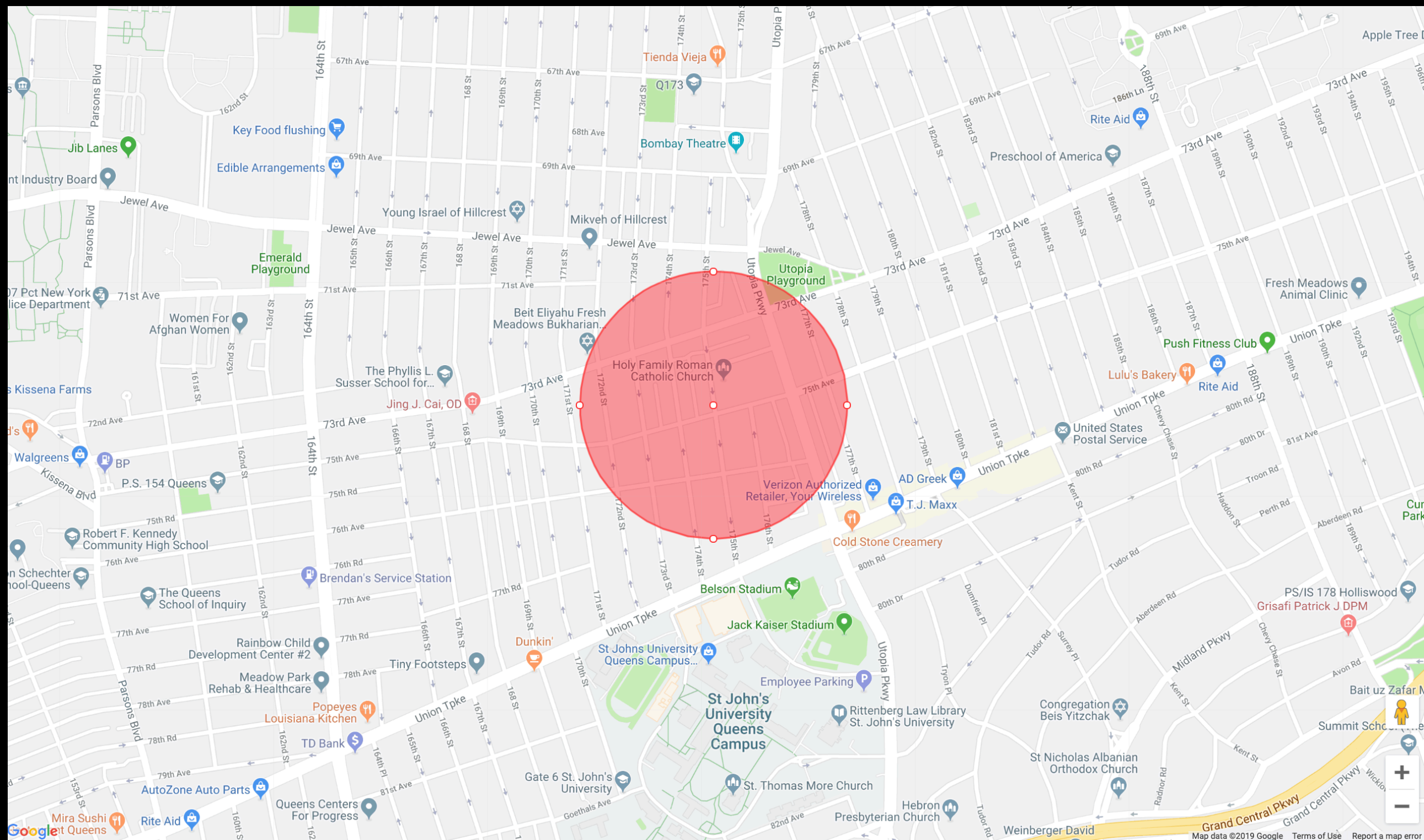
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You know more about location data, or anything else you think should be published?

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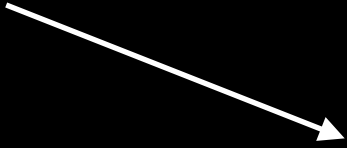
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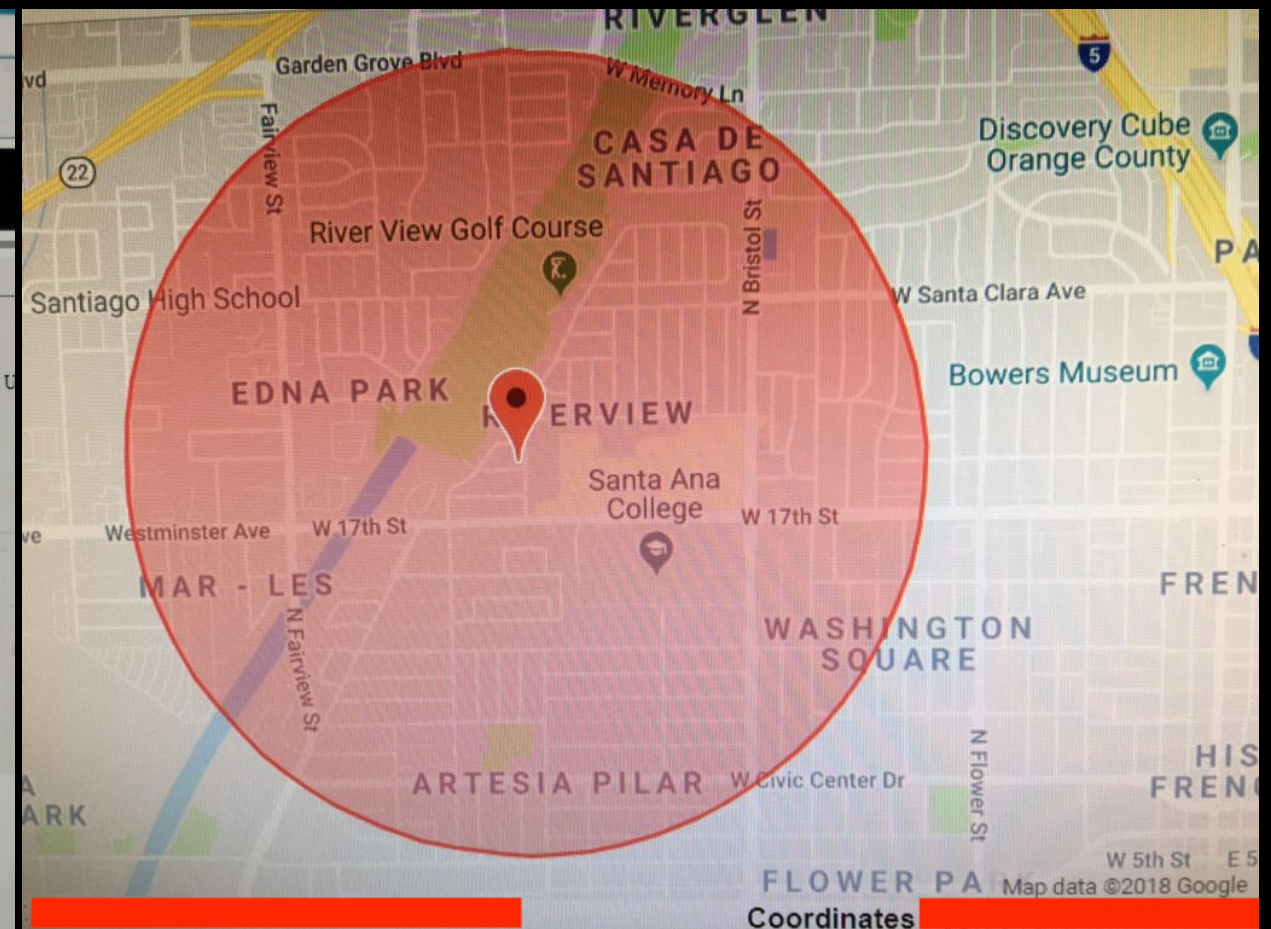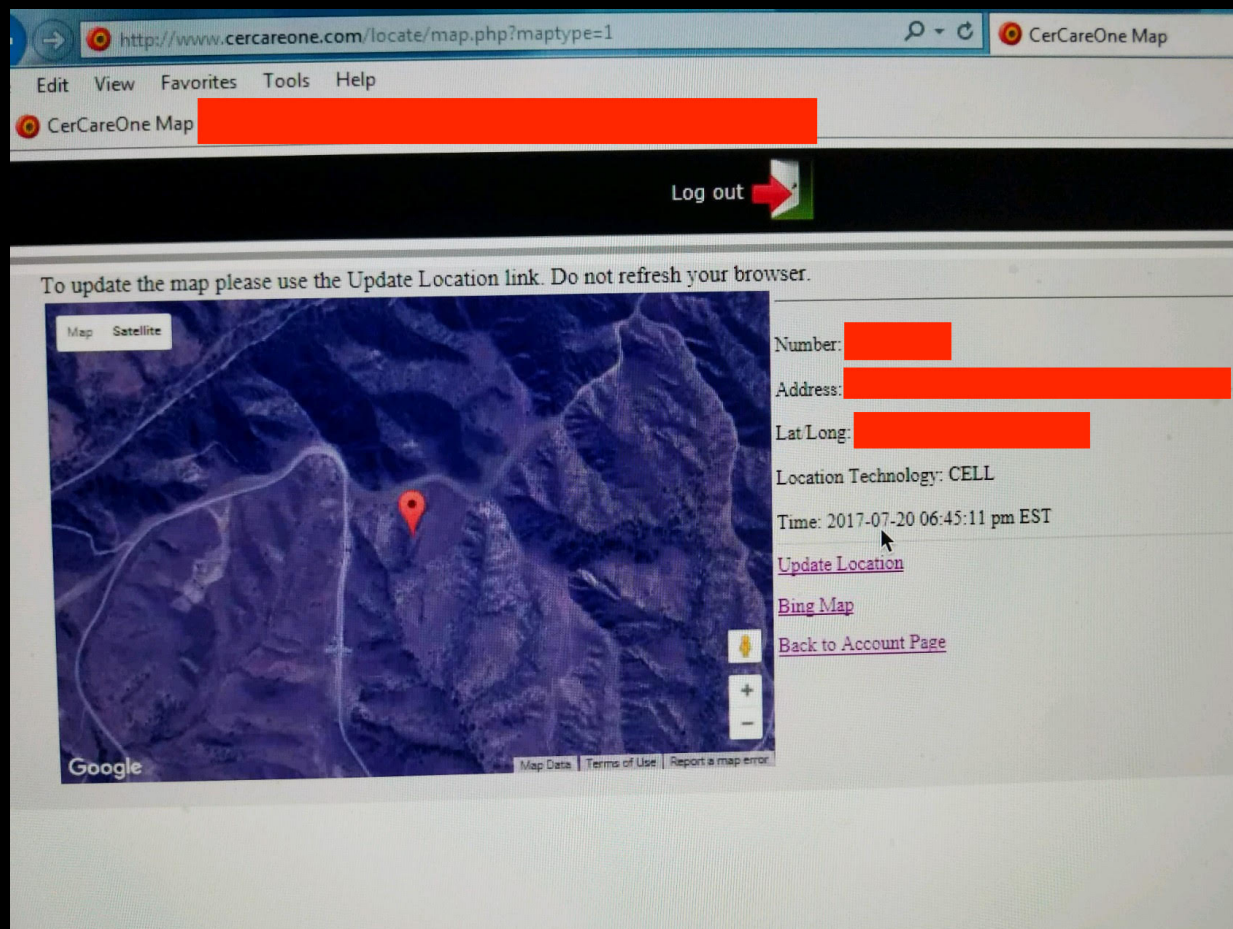
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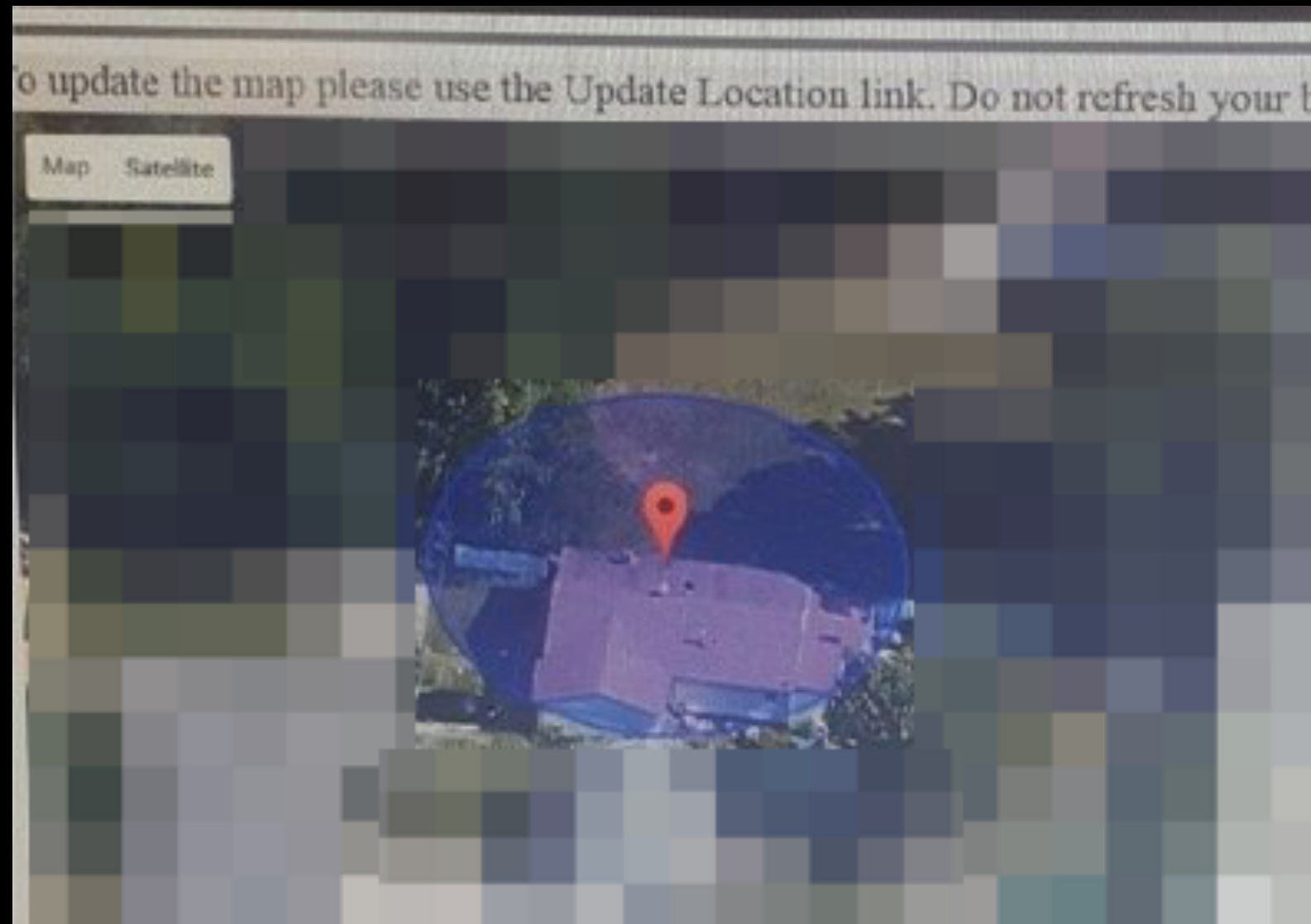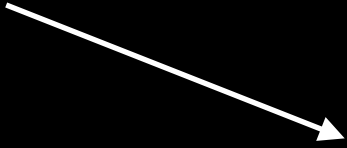
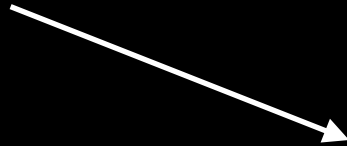How the hell did he do that???

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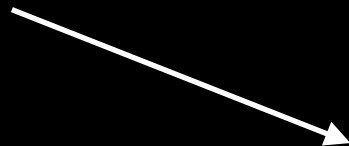**Carriers**

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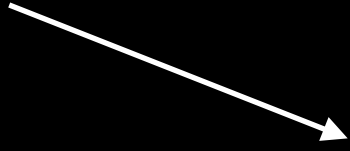**Data Brokers**

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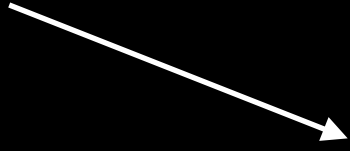
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Email Address: [   ]
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Login   Invalid login information.
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Accounts

Company	Username			
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20	952		2017-06-26 19:49:58	6	Found	A-GPS:21
21	952		2017-06-26 19:48:04	6	Found	A-GPS:18
22	952		2017-06-26 19:46:27	6	Found	A-GPS:13
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40	6		2017-06-23 11:37:40	71.
41	4		2017-06-22 21:24:38	131
42	6		2017-06-22 21:19:30	131
43	2		2017-06-21 08:53:31	87.
44	2		2017-06-21 08:52:49	87.
45	2		2017-06-20 20:48:18	87.

Administration

Accounts   Reports

Plans   Search

Billing history for ████████████@gmail.com

Date	Amount	Transaction ID
2016-09-15 13:58:47	$1100	███████████
2017-02-17 12:34:16	$1100	

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AT&T to Stop Selling Location Data to Third Parties After Motherboard Investigation

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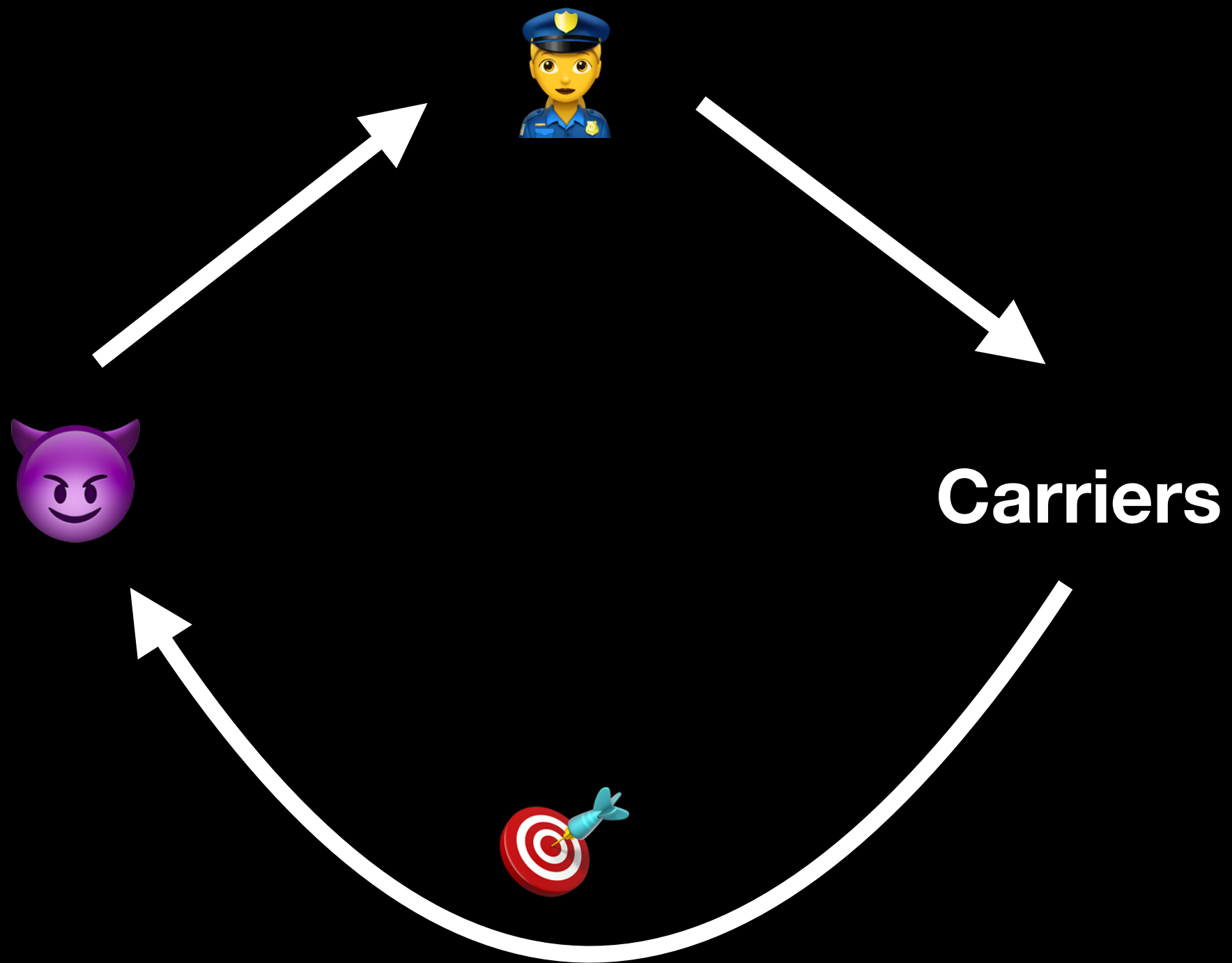
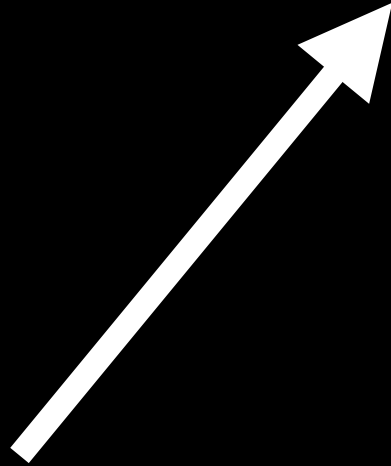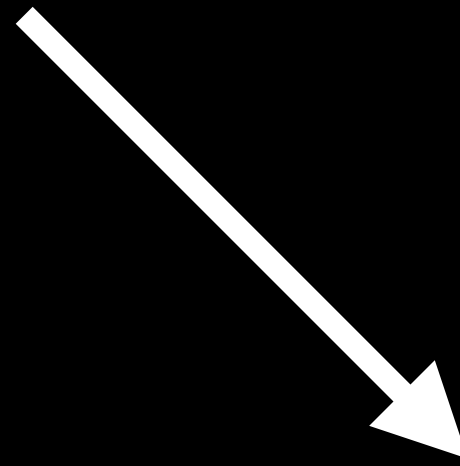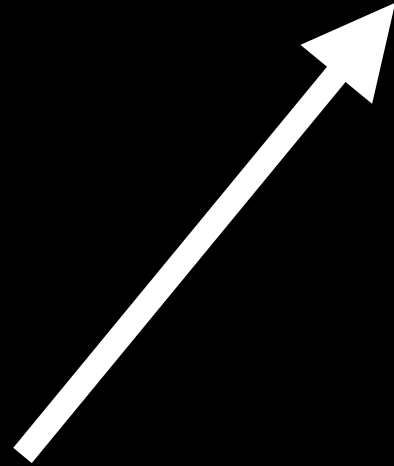By **Joseph Cox**

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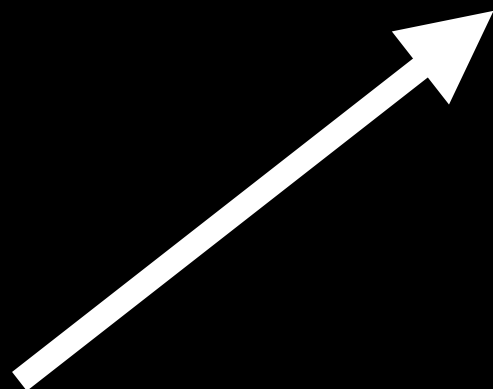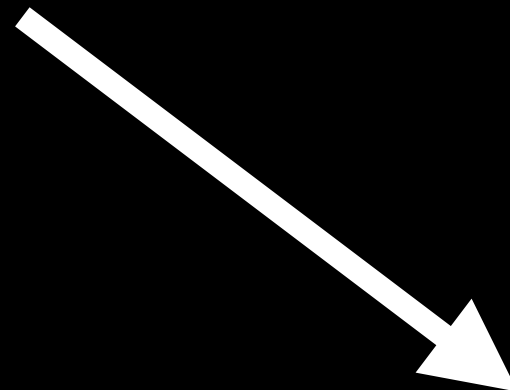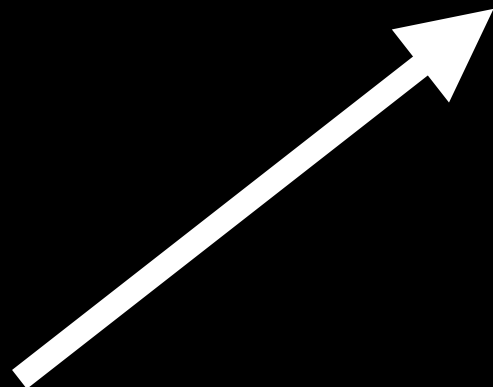
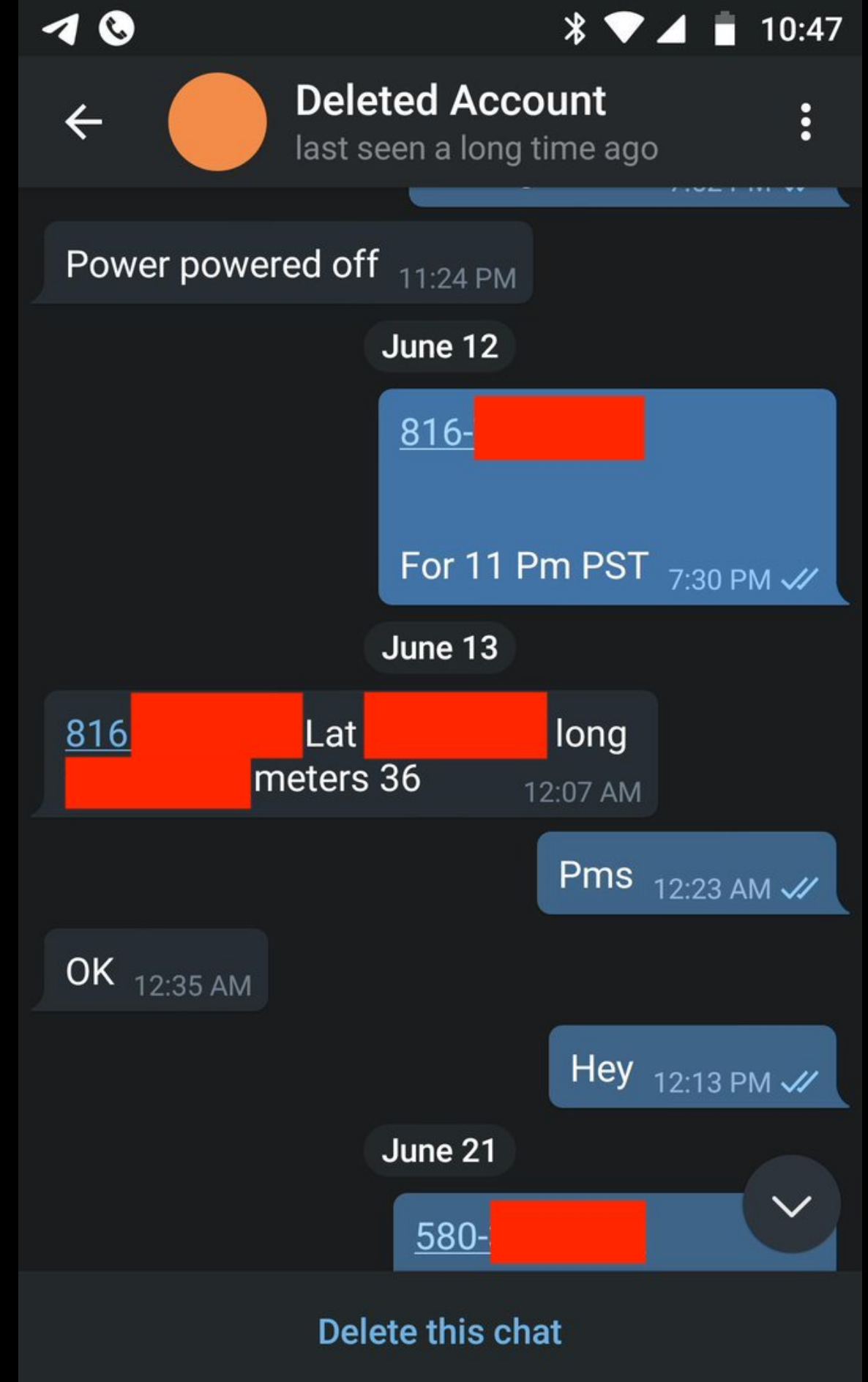# John Edens

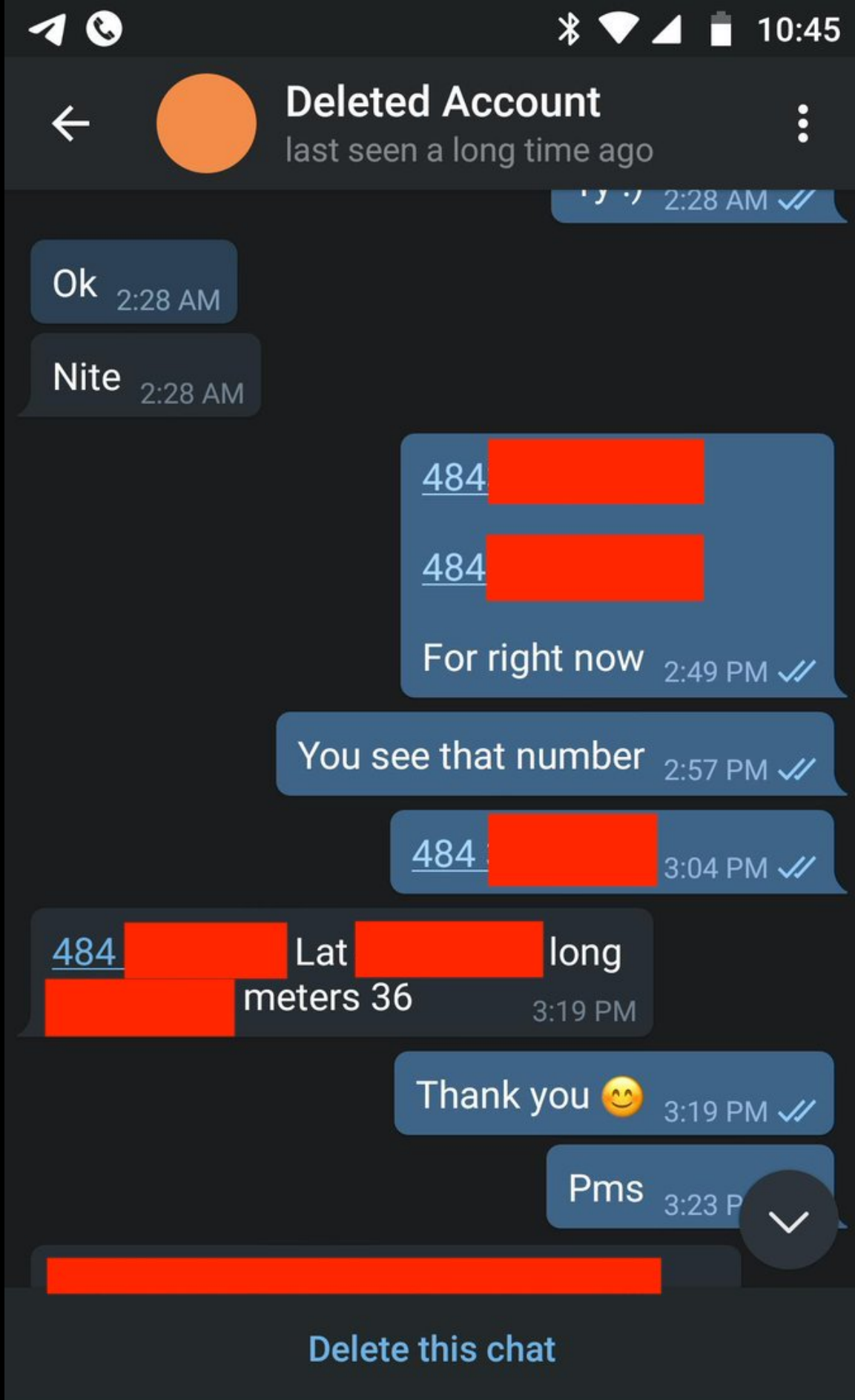**John Edens**

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